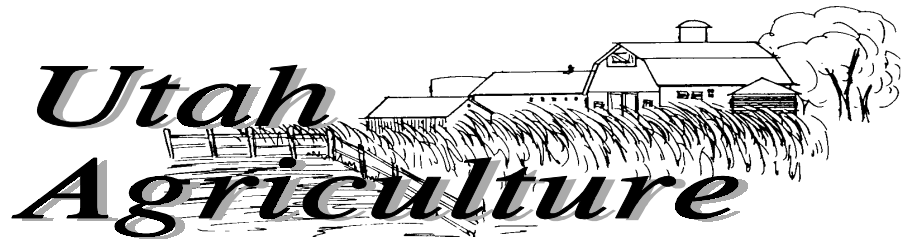




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U.S. 1999 Livestock Slaughter

Red meat production in commercial plants and on farms for the United States totaled 46.3 billion pounds in 1999. This was 2 percent higher than the previous record high set in 1998. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 46.1 billion pounds.

Beef production, at 26.5 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from a year earlier and 2 percent higher than the previous record high set in 1976. **Veal production** totaled 233 million pounds, down 11 percent from the previous record low set last year. **Pork production**, at 19.3 billion pounds, eclipsed the previous record high set a year earlier by 2 percent. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 247 million pounds, falling 2 percent below the previous record low set a year ago.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 1999 totaled 36.1 million head, up 2 percent from 1998, with federal inspection comprising 98.2 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,210 pounds, up 7 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 49.6 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter, **heifers** 32.8 percent, **dairy cows** 7.3 percent, **other cows** 8.5 percent, and **bulls** 1.8 percent.

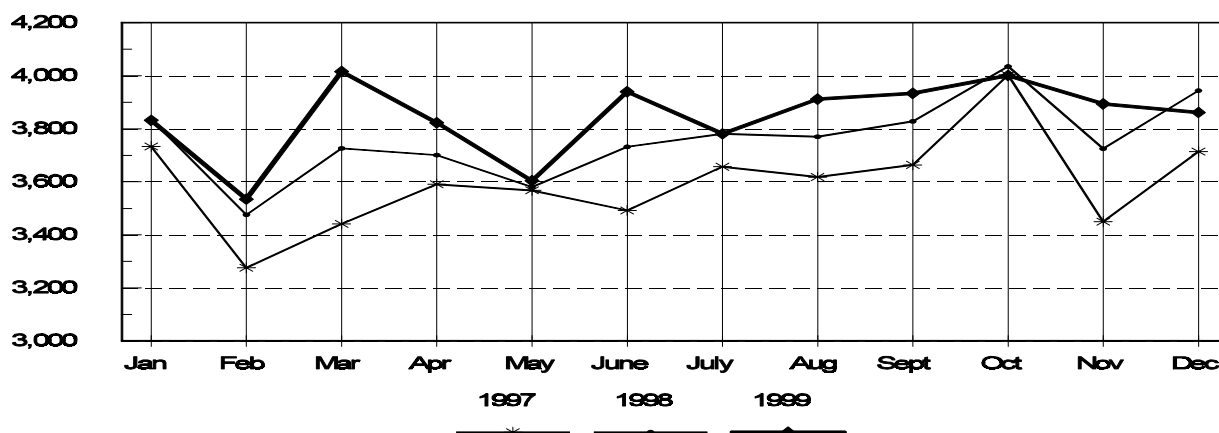
Commercial calf slaughter totaled 1.28 million head, down 12 percent from a year ago with 97.6 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 291 pounds, up 6 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 101.5 million head, up 1 percent from 1998 with 98.2 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from last year, at 259 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 96.3 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 3.70 million head, was down 3 percent from 1998 with 96.1 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight rose 1 pound from 1998 to 133 pounds.

U.S. Monthly Commercial Red Meat Production

Million Pounds



U.S. Turkey Eggs

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2000 in the United States totaled 31.1 million, down 5 percent from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the February 1 total of 30.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 6 percent; West North Central, down 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 1 percent; South Central, down 6 percent; and West, down 10 percent.

The 24.1 million poults placed during February 2000 in the United States were up 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 2 percent from the January total of 24.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up 4 percent; West North Central, up 2 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, up 5 percent; and West, down 7 percent.

Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, March 2000 with Comparisons

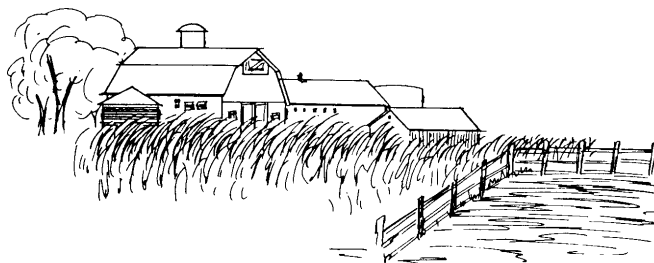
Geographic Division	Mar 1 1999	Feb 1 2000	Mar 1 2000	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
.....	1,000	.....	Percent	Percent	
E N Central	5,061	4,806	4,764	94	99
W N Central	11,220	10,119	10,452	93	103
N & S Atlantic	9,327	9,378	9,375	101	100
S Central	3,578	*3,468	3,356	94	97
West	3,452	3,056	3,108	90	102
US	32,638	*30,827	31,055	95	101

* Revised.

Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, February 2000 with Comparisons ^{1/}

Geographic Division	Feb 1999	Jan 2000	Feb 2000	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
.....	1,000	.....	Percent	Percent	
E N Central	3,320	3,383	3,438	104	102
W N Central	7,999	8,265	8,126	102	98
N & S Atlantic	7,264	7,778	7,480	103	96
S Central	2,627	*2,812	2,746	105	98
West	2,512	*2,438	2,348	93	96
US	23,722	*24,676	24,138	102	98

* Revised. ^{1/} Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region and not the actual location of the birds after placement.



Potato Stocks

March 1, 2000 **potato stocks** in the 15 major states totaled 170 million cwt, down 2 percent from a year ago and 3 percent below two years ago. Stocks accounted for 40 percent of fall 1999 production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to March 1 totaled 251 million cwt this season, up slightly from last year and 5 percent above two years ago. February disappearance of 35.7 million cwt was 1 percent below last year and down 3 percent from two years ago. Seasonal shrink and loss of 25.7 million cwt was up 1 percent from last year and 20 percent above two years ago.

Processing of 1999 crop potatoes so far this season

totaled 126 million cwt, down 2 percent from the 1998 crop but 6 percent above the 1997 crop. In February, processors used 19.6 million cwt of potatoes, up 1 percent from the last two years.

Western States held 126 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, 2000, up 1 percent from last year but 2 percent below 1998. Oregon's stocks were up 22 percent from a year ago, but were mostly offset by a 5 percent decline in Washington and a 2 percent dip in Idaho. Stocks in the three Northwest States were up less than 1 percent from last year and accounted for 64 percent of U. S. stocks. Colorado's stocks were up 8 percent and Montana's were up 2 percent. California's potato stocks were up 13 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on March 1, 1999-00 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 1998			Crop of 1999		
	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 1999 ^{2/}	% of Production	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 2000 ^{2/}	% of Production
	..... 1,000 Cwt		Percent	..... 1,000 Cwt		Percent
CA	3,708	1,600	43	4,005	1,800	45
CO	25,360	12,000	47	25,762	12,900	50
ID	138,000	66,000	48	133,330	65,000	49
ME	18,060	8,450	47	17,813	9,400	53
MI	14,648	4,100	28	14,963	4,200	28
MN	21,170	8,900	42	18,020	6,200	34
MT	3,180	2,650	83	3,325	2,700	81
NE	8,175			8,904		
NY	7,290	800	11	6,758	800	12
ND	28,670	12,800	45	26,400	8,300	31
OH	1,200			987		
OR	26,229	13,000	50	28,020	15,900	57
PA	3,360	700	21	3,080	750	24
WA	93,225	29,500	32	95,200	28,000	29
WI	30,895	11,000	36	34,000	11,700	34
Other States ..		2,150			2,400	
15 States	423,170	173,650	41	420,567	170,050	40

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant 2000 crop. Seed usage in 1999 totaled 29.5 million cwt. ^{2/} Blank States combined into "Other States".

Monthly Milk Production

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.7 billion pounds, up 8.2 percent from production in these same States in February 1999. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to the leap year causes February milk production to be up 4.5 percent on a per day basis. January revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds was up 4.9 percent from January 1999. The January revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 24 million

pounds from last months preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,505 pounds for February, 101 pounds above February 1999 without adjusting for the extra day. **The number of cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 72,000 head more than February 1999 and 3,000 head more than January 2000.

Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: American type cheese production in January 2000 totaled 2.8 million pounds, 21 percent above January 1999 but 6.6 percent below December 1999. **Total cheese** output, at 6.0 million pounds, was up 12 percent from January 1999 but 3.8 percent below December 1999. **Swiss cheese** production totaled 2.5 million pounds, 3.5 percent above January 1999 but 2.1 percent below December 1999. **Dry whey** (human) production was 2.0 million pounds, up 51 percent from January 1999 but down 1.9 percent from December 1999. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 569,000 gallons, 9.5 percent below January 1999 and 25 percent below December 1999.

totalled 313 million pounds, 7.9 percent above January 1999 and 1.7 percent above December 1999. **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 680 million pounds, 6.5 percent above January 1999 but 1.8 percent below December 1999. **Cream cottage cheese** production was 26.7 million pounds, 2.6 percent above January 1999 and 0.1 percent above December 1999. **Lowfat cottage cheese** production was 27.2 million pounds, 2.4 percent above January 1999 and 5.1 percent above December 1999. **Butter** production was 141 million pounds in January, 14.0 percent above January 1999 and 20.0 percent above December 1999. **Hard ice cream** production, at 61.7 million gallons, was up 7.5 percent from January 1999.

UNITED STATES: American type cheese production

Manufactured Dairy Production - January 2000 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	January 1999	December 1999	January 2000	January 1999	December 1999	January 2000
1,000 Pounds						
Butter	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	123,336	117,151	140,566
Total Cheese ^{2/}	5,383	6,251	6,011	638,727	692,622	680,253
American Type Cheese	2,312	3,001	2,802	289,680	307,391	312,672
Swiss Cheese	2,383	2,519	2,467	18,650	16,262	15,946
Dry Whey, Human	1,338	2,058	2,019	89,337	99,118	102,240
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	629	759	569	57,387	55,759	61,696

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ^{2/} Excluding cottage cheese.